

VOICE

WE'RE JUST WILD
About Our Neighborhood!

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All **RESIDENTS & BUSINESSES** of: all of **LANTANA, RENO, AUBURN** (4758-5160) **DRIVES**: all of **ONTARIO, CASTLE, South side of UNIVERSITY** (4749-4849), East side of **EUCLID** (3611-3889), **ESTRELLA** (3803-3857) **AVENUES**; **DWIGHT** (4759-4792), **WIGHTMAN** (4750-4871)

CODE ENFORCEMENT PRESENTATION



DIANE SILVA-MARTINEZ, Chief Deputy of the City Attorney's Code Enforcement Unit

will be presenting on how code enforcement cases are addressed and prosecuted. The Code Enforcement Unit (CEU) works in partnership with City code enforcement personnel, the Police Department, and the community in addressing code violations, including **public nuisances** and **problem properties with drug activity**

Tuesday, JANUARY 12, 2010 @ 6:15 PM
5123 University Avenue
(Auburn Park Community Room)

Dear Neighbors,

An ounce of prevention is worth more than a ton of mediocre reaction. When the nuisance properties are producing and enforcing a disrupting way of life upon us, we all want the remedy immediately! But learning how to prevent such things and how to interact and be more efficient with the services provided to keep our peace and quiet is the more efficient and the responsible thing to do.

IT'S IMPORTANT THAT YOU ATTEND!

GET INVOLVED

The very **few** who show up and get involved
CHANGE and **RUN THE WORLD!**

HOLIDAY POTLUCK



The Potluck Celebration this last December 08, 2009 was well attended and produced a wealth of bonding among the neighbors who attended. We all had the privilege to meet **GABRIEL GUTIERREZ** County Supervisor **Ron Roberts'** Rep to Fox Canyon and enjoy **MARISA BERUMEN**, Councilwoman **Marti Emerald's** Office, first attendance to a potluck. **CRO**, police officer, **LUIS ROMAN** and two gentlemen from the **URBAN COPS** were present as well. Doris Pierson's tradition of honoring all Reps, the police department and friends was also a big hit.



NEXT ASSOCIATION MEETING

Tuesday, JANUARY 12, 2010 @ 6:15 PM

5123 University Avenue

(Community Room at AUBURN PARK)

Proposed Agenda:

CEU PRESENTATION

DIANE SILVA-MARTINEZ

Other topics:

Possibly a Talmadge Patrol Presentation, if time allows.

COME and JOIN US!

The BOARD of DIRECTORS

Will meet January 26, 2010.

Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association, Inc.

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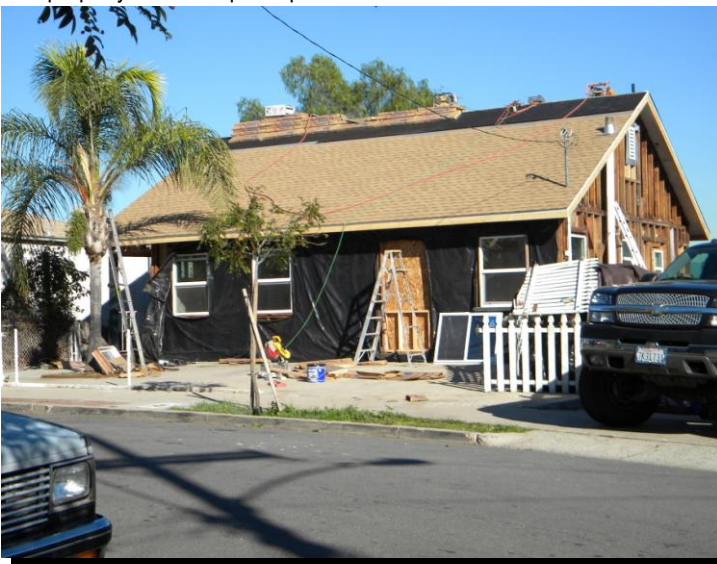
THE FEBRUARY MEETING

Tuesday, FEBRUARY 08, 2010 @ 6:15 PM:

Ms. Kristin Beattie, Mid-City neighborhood prosecutor will be presenting the **DART** Team.

NEIGHBORHOOD RENEWAL

The happy sound of hammers singing while driving nails is the song that echoes though Fox Canyon from the beginning of this new year (2010). Last year although bad for many people, it provided the advent of one new house and one total remodel at the loop Lantana/Dwight. To date, we have three brand new homes in a row flanking the west of Lantana. Prophylactic house be gone! It was the trick of the New Year when the new property owner acquired possession of the House at **4906 Lantana**



Drive around December 28. The ragged plastic completely wrapping the house, which was up for at least two years, therefore the nickname, has been removed as the crew works putting on a new roof and other needful improvements slowly bringing the house back to life.



The clinic at the corner Euclid/Dwight is well on its way to completion. Although some traffic and parking issues and other concerns have been raised by the community surrounding this area, we are well in the way to find liable solutions to make this project work within the confines of our community. As usual, new wonderful solutions also bring with them new wonderful problems that need to be solved communally with the help and good will of all those involved. The fact is: our neighborhood was one of the first ones to go down during the crisis. Now it is showing signs of being one of the first ones to bounce back. If we all want potholes, street lights and other general fund expenditures to benefit our neighborhood, the best solution is to build anew. The City coffers get new revenue, our needful labor force gets to work, our community gets the renewal that it deserves and our residents get new decent housing; a win, win for all.

GRAFFITI TAG WARS

Last night (01/08/10) taggers made a run on both sides of our community. One at lower Auburn Drive and one on Dwight Street and on Euclid Avenue, all along from Dwight to University.



LOWER AUBURN DRIVE

The picture to the left shows the tag that was painted-out, over the New Year's weekend.



The little tag on top appeared last Wednesday, while the big letters tag was done last night and appeared this morning.

Dwight Street: below, is the picture of the tag that appeared last Wednesday at Leo's (señor Leo, paint-over this tag as soon as possible).



The BKS tag (below) appeared this morning. Unfortunately, a Budget truck that a neighbor rented was also tagged.



Euclid/Landis: this crossed over followed the same timeline.

NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME WATCH

ASSAULT	12/10/2009	2240	4800 LANTANA
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ACCIDENTS	12/29/2009	1629-1710	4800 LANTANA
ROBBERY	12/21/2009	1700	3800 WINONA
VANDALISM	12/22-23/2009	1700-1030	4800 RENO
VANDALISM	12/22-23/2009	1700-1030	4800 RENO
NARCOTICS	12/05/2009	1126	4700 WIGHTMAN
ASSAULT	12/21/2009	1920	5000 WIGHTMAN
ROBBERY	12/21/2009	1920	5000 WIGHTMAN
ASSAULT	12/27/2009	1920-1945	4800 WIGHTMAN
ROBBERY	12/13/2009	2200-2220	4900 AUBURN
RES_BURGLARY	12/18/2009	1215-1430	5000 AUBURN
AUTO_THEFT	12/19/2009	1400	4900 AUBURN
AUTO_THEFT	12/24/2009	2130	5000 AUBURN
ASSAULT	12/30/2009	2152-2220	4700 AUBURN
ASSAULT	01/01/2010	0300-0622	4900 AUBURN

Lantana residents, just look at the reported accidents, the one reported here is the **third (3)** one at this location (4800 Lantana). Just think: how many of these accidents could have been avoided if we had a one-way? In addition, think of how many of these reported crimes could have been avoided if **YOU** were to be a **Neighborhood Watch Block Captain**?

ITNSanDiegoColor.png

Dear Reader,

What would you do if you had a chronic illness and no transportation to get to the appointments necessary to keep you well? This is the question that faces many low-income seniors receiving medical care at La Maestra Community Health Center in City Heights. But, a solution has arrived. ITNSanDiego, in partnership with La Maestra Community Health Centers, launches the City Heights Community Road Scholarship at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, January 25, 2010 at La Maestra's City Heights clinic located at 4185 Fairmont Avenue.

A short presentation, including comments from Congresswoman Susan Davis, La Maestra Executive Director Zara Marselian and ITNSanDiego Executive Director Chuck Overbey will be followed by the arrival at La Maestra of the first Road Scholarship recipients. We would be pleased if you would join us for the launch of this critically important program. Just as we believe that lack of access to transportation should not be a barrier

to seniors remaining independent, we also believe that poverty should not be a barrier to access to transportation. With that in mind, ITN created the "Road Scholarship(tm) Program" which allows low income seniors to receive rides despite their inability to pay.

An initial ten Road Scholarship(tm) recipients have already been selected by La Maestra based on need, both medical and financial. In the coming months at least 75 more scholarships will be awarded. Membership fees were donated by California Bank & Trust and Soroptimist International clubs in MissionBay and La Mesa. Volunteer drivers, who accrue ride credits for each mile they drive, have donated over 3,400 miles. As more donations are received, the program will be expanded to include more City Heights seniors.

ITNSanDiego, one of 15 ITNAmerica affiliate communities in 12 states, uses volunteer drivers in their own vehicles, to deliver door-through-door service 24-hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week. The first ride was delivered in San Diego on January 2009. Since then, over 1,500 rides have been delivered.

Every ITN affiliate is an independent, non-profit organization, community-based and community supported. The national organization, ITNAmerica, provides affiliate support through state of the art information technology and centralized database management. ITNAmerica also provides a common brand for shared marketing and assistance with communication, training, research, public policy, finance and human resources.

Your participation in the launch of this important program will be very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Kathy Blair

Community Relations Manager

ITNSanDiego, (619) 282-0073

TREE PLANTING @ COLINA PARK



Good morning all,

Today we completed the project at Colina del Sol of which the Recycling Revenue played a key role. In the attached pictures, you will see CP II purchased three large trees purchased with the Recycling Revenue, the three picnic benches and the three cement slabs were paid for by the Colina del Sol Recreation Council. The Recreation Council program was to comply with the department policy in spending Recreation Council revenue on park enhancement projects or programs when it exceeds a certain dollar amount. The large trees were purchased because the smaller sapling trees do not survive the vandalism they are subjected to in some of our neighborhood parks.

Thank you

Keith A. Selby, J.D. Area Manager II

City of San Diego Park and Recreation Department

Community Parks II Division, PH. (619)-235-1145.

"We Enrich Lives Through Quality Parks and Programs"



CONGRESSWOMAN DAVIS

Dear Friend,

When this year began, Congress had a blueprint of how we could work to rebalance and reform the policies that weren't serving Americans the way they should. Together, we have made many positive changes in order to follow that frame-work. These developments are energizing, though I am very aware that our work is far from done. As always, I appreciated the input and passion of San Diegans every step of the way and look forward to another productive year. For a recap of the 2009 legislative year progress, please [click here](#).

It is important to me to be connected with the residents of the 53rd District. If you would like to share your thoughts and opinions with me about federal issues or other matters of concern to you, please feel free to [email me here](#), call my San Diego office at (619) 280-5353, or contact my Washington, DC office at (202) 225-2040. If you would like to unsubscribe from this newsletter for any reason, please [click here](#).

It continues to be an honor to serve you in Congress!

Warm Regards,

Susan Davis

US SENATOR BOXER

December 21, 2009

Dear Friend:

According to the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration, motor vehicle traffic fatalities fell in the first half of 2009 as compared to last year. Even more remarkable, traffic fatalities have actually hit a 40-year low. Part of this recent decline is the result of less driving in the recession, but an important part is the result of better safety programs that target highway investments to unsafe conditions. While the trend has continued downward most years for the past two decades, over 40,000 people have died on America's road-ways. This is unacceptable, and we must make a greater effort to bring every traveller home safely.

The Highway Safety Improvement Program created under the current highway law (SAFETEA-LU) has been a significant factor in reducing deaths because it requires states to develop and implement strategic highway safety plans. These plans help states identify key safety

needs and direct resources to those investments that can achieve significant reductions in fatalities and injuries on public roads, based on the safety experience and conditions within each state.

As Chairman of the Senate's Committee on Environment and Public Works, I have been working to make our nation's highways even safer. In part, this means assuring funding to deploy improved designs and invest more widely in highway features such as rumble strips that warn drivers when they run onto the shoulder of the road. To ensure that we can take advantage of the best technologies, we also need better research on what causes collisions and ways to prevent collisions. As I work to authorize the successor to SAFETEA-LU, I want to build upon its successes by including greater investment in safety programs. In particular, I want to help states even more aggressively target safety funding toward those investments that will reduce the death toll on our highways. Quite simply, better roadways mean more lives saved.

Sincerely,



Barbara Boxer
United States Senator

GIVE A DAY. GET A DISNEY DAY!

Dear Friend,

Recently we shared exciting news of the "Give A Day. Get A Disney Day" program with you. Since then, thousands of organizations have been approved to collaborate with HandsOn Network for this program and provide opportunities for volunteers to receive free tickets to Disney. The program launches on **Jan. 1, 2010**, when volunteers will be able to search for and commit to volunteer opportunities via www.DisneyParks.com. As a 1-800-Volunteer or HandsOn Technology user, there is still time for your organization to register and begin managing your project opportunities to be eligible for the program. We've made it even easier for you to participate by automatically transferring your volunteer opportunities into the project database for the "Give A Day. Get A Disney Day." program once you opt in. To opt in, go to

<http://cts.vresp.com/c/?PointsofLightFoundat/bb0c4e72fb/c19e002607/eedbd4a1ec> and complete the formal registration process.

Be sure to tell your service network about this unique opportunity to celebrate volunteerism. Teaming up with HandsOn Network for "Give A Day. Get A Disney Day." will help drive awareness of your organization and attract new volunteers to help fulfill your organization's mission.

As our nation is recognizing volunteerism as a pathway to solving our most pressing social issues, come celebrate with HandsOn Network and Disney Parks our shared vision of service and through the "Give A Day. Get A Disney Day." program. Thanks for everything you do to help improve communities and celebrate civic engagement.

- HandsOn Network

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Is it time to take the Christmas tree down and out of the house? But, what to do with it once this is done? You can take it to a recycling place or you can cut it in two (3 ft length) and stick it into your "GREENS" recycling bin, the one with the little green tree sticker

**LOVE and RESPECT YOUR NEIGHBORS, as you
would like them to LOVE and RESPECT YOU.**

Saluting Maldonado as Latino role model

In response to "Governor taps tax-increase ally to occupy No. 2 position" (Nov. 24):

I want to congratulate state Sen. Abel Maldonado, the new nominee for lieutenant governor. Every time a Hispanic is nominated to a state-wide office, it brings an aura of respect and higher aspirations to the ethnic group this person belongs to. Hispanics, the largest minority in the state, need this type of role model to cement young aspirations in the barrio to be something better than gangsta guys and thugs.

We can never stop repeating this: If you immigrate to the United States, work in the fields, on a farm, go to school, learn, GRADUATE, work hard and apply yourself, you can be anything you want, even a lieutenant governor. As controversial and political as this selection might be, I also want to thank Gov. Schwarzenegger for this wise and prideful nomination.

JOSE LOPEZ
San Diego

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MARTI EMERALD**

CITY OF SAN DIEGO

December 9, 2009

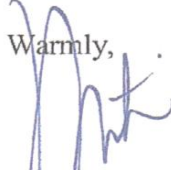
Paul Greenwood
San Diego District Attorney's Office
330 West Broadway, 12th Floor
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear Paul:

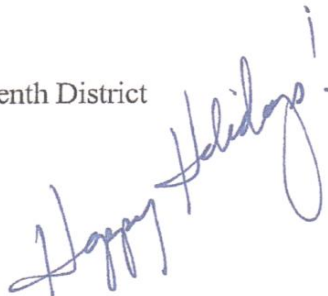
Thank you for your hard work and assistance you provided to Ms. Doris Pierson during her time of need this past summer. Her experience as a victim of financial fraud was difficult. However, your guidance and advocacy on her behalf was of great assistance. As a result of your tireless work, Ms. Pierson received a favorable outcome; she was able to recover her money and Wells Fargo Bank reversed all the overdraft charges. I thank you for your efforts, both on Ms. Pierson's behalf and on behalf of the elderly you continue to serve.

Thank you for protecting our City's elderly and making such a difference in their lives. Your hard work and service to our City are commendable.

Warmly,


Marti Emerald
Councilmember, Seventh District
City of San Diego

ME: mb





**COUNCILMEMBER
MARTI EMERALD**

CITY OF SAN DIEGO

January 5, 2010

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, 1st Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger,

I am writing to enlist your help in saving a park in one of the poorest neighborhoods in San Diego. The City needs to extend a State Park Grant while we hobble together enough money to design and build a family park in the community of Fox Canyon. The worsening economy and resulting shortage in government funds have stalled plans for this park the past two years. In the meantime, a March 2010 deadline is looming to use or lose \$2.36 million in State Grant money.

As the newly-elected City Council Representative for Fox Canyon, I fear relinquishing this money would be devastating for the Fox Canyon neighborhood. These residents have no parks where children can play and neighbors can connect as a community in a safe environment. If we lose the State Grant, it may be years before the City of San Diego can build a park for this struggling inner-city neighborhood.

I know we are not alone. Other cities throughout California face the same economic struggle. We ask you to extend the deadlines for these grants; much like you did last year with permits for private construction projects statewide. San Diego has greatly benefited from your initiative and leadership. Now we ask you to do the same with State Grants for vital inner-city projects, like the Fox Canyon Park.

Thank you for considering this request. I look forward to your response and, hopefully, the opportunity to share good news with our neighbors in Fox Canyon.

Sincerely,

Marti Emerald
Councilmember, Seventh District
City of San Diego
ME: mb